

To the FCC:

As well as the statement below by freepress.net I'd like to add that the actions of Sinclair Broadcasting are most reprehensible. Sinclair is trying to use its ownership of its consolidated ownership to brainwash viewers to accept their sectarian dogmatic beliefs. If the FCC allows Sinclair to continue with this action it will represent the upmost betrayal of American values of fair play and press neutrality.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

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